For the information of your Committee and the Council, the Hospital Steward has completed the task of taking stock of the Hospital furniture and supplies. An inventory of the stock, &c., will be kept by your Committee for future reference, the same having been checked and found correct. We have also much pleasure in reporting that after close scrutiny and careful examination, that the most business-like principles are adopted by your efficient Steward in the management of every department of your Hospital.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Browne, chairman, submitted the following report from the Printing Committee:

1st.—In the matter of printing the by-laws referred to this Committee from last year's Council, we beg leave to report that the by laws, as required, are now in the hands of the City Clerk, and would recommend that a special committee be appointed to examine the same previous to their being printed.

2nd.—Your Committee would further report that in accordance with the expression of the Council at its last meeting, in reference to the report made on printing and advertising, that they authorise the chairman to communicate with the two job printing office proprietors asking them to submit sealed tenders for the printing required for the Council for the current year (a copy of communication is herewith handed in), to be handed in by noon on the 10th inst.

Your Committee received tenders from each of the above proprietors, and were duly opened and compared with the present rates paid to the city papers, and found that the tender of Mr Vivian was the lowest, nevertheless the Committee present would not report the same to the Council, but requested that the chairman should report progress, they wishing the matter deferred for one week, so as to get more information on the subject, to which the chairman dissented as sufficient information was in possession of the Committee at that time, to report recommending the lowest tender.

The report was considered in committee, Ald. Powell in the chair.

First clause passed.

Second clause—

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald Keenleyside, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Browne, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the tender of Mr. Vivian be accepted for printing for the current year, and that no printing of any kind required by this Council be done by the contractor unless ordered by the Chairman of the Printing Committee.

Ald. Pritchard then moved the previous question, seconded by Ald. Egan. Carried.

The original motion passed.

The Committee rose and reported the adoption of the report as passed.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Christie, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Exhibition Committee:

Your Committee recommend that the prayers of the Atlantic Base Ball Club and the Dominion Lacrosse Club, or any other club, for the use of part of the Exhibition Grounds be granted by their being responsible for any damage done to the grounds or building.

Your Committee recommend that a small house be erected on the grounds for the caretaker; cost not to exceed $250. Respectfully submitted.

Ald. Glass moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Keenleyside, that the second clause of the report be deferred. Lost.

Ald. Williams moved in amendment to the second clause, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that action be deferred for one week. Carried.

Ald. McNab moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the plan of Victoria Park now submitted be adopted.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the consideration of the plan be referred back to the committee to report at next meeting.

The amendment was lost on the following division:

Yeas —Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Rapley, Murray, Glass, Egan, Christie.

Nays. — Williams, Skinner, Smyth, Stringer, McNab, Keenleyside, Edleston, Browne, Vining, Peel, J. R., and Peel Thos.

The original motion carried,

Aldermen Pritchard and Egan tendered their resignations as members of the

Park Committee. On motion they were laid over for a week.

Ald. Campbell gives notice that he will at next meeting move that the question of the sale of Salter's Grove or the present Exhibition grounds, that was to have been submitted to the ratepayers last fall, but deferred until the waterworks by-law pass, be taken up by this Council and submitted to the ratepayers to vote upon as soon as due legal notice has been given.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the chairman of the Board of Works be requested to confer with the county authorities with a view to utilize the prisoners in the jail in doing corporation labor, and have the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the legality of employing said prisoners. Carried.

On motion of Ald. Browne, the chairmen of the regular committees were appointed a special committee to superintend the revision of the new by-laws to report.

His Worship mentioned that, by the death of the late E. W. Hyman, a vacancy was caused in the Board of Water Commissioners. At next meeting of the Council he would have a by-law prepared and then the Council could elect a gentleman, and the by-law could be passed the same night.

Moved by Ald. Keenleyside, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the Chairman of the Finance Committee report to this Council at its next meeting the amount of premium paid to the different insurance companies on all city property, and also the amount of insurance on the said property. Carried.

The Council adjourned for one week.